(b) if so. the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the purchases are proposed to be made and guidelines/rules to be followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The DTC Board had on 24.4.1991 set up a four member Sub-Committee of the Board to examine and approve all purchase proposals of the DTC.

However, as the Purchase Committee meetings were also being held after the regular Board meetings and as the cases were not many, it was felt by the DTC Board at its meeting on 17.2.1992 that it would be more appropriate to have the purchase proposals approved by the full Board.

Guidelines for S.T.A. Permits

2220. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has laid down some guidelines for issue of S.T.A. permits to vehicles in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, for different categories of buses;

(c) whether these guidelines stipulate the number of passengers as well as the standing capacity of buses;

(d) whether existing guidelines also include that these buses should have window panes;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) what checks Government have conducted to ensure availability of basic requirements giving details of checks made during 1991 and the number of bus-owners penalised for non-observance of required norms; and

(g) if no such checks have been conducted, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines are given in the statement *(See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. As per Rule 100 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 the glass of windscreens and windows of every motor vehicles shall be such and shall be maintained in such condition as to be clearly transparent and allow the clear vision outside from inside and inside from outside.

(f) The Transport Department of Delhi Administration carries out regular checks of vehicles to ensure that the basic requirements in buses operating in Delhi are fulfilled, during checkings 771 buses were challaned for violation of provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder during the year 1991.

(g) Does not arise.

Statement

Grant of 100 Stage Carriage Permits for Luxury Buses

The Scheme for grant of 100 Stage Carriage Permits for Luxury Buses on 20 City Routes was notified in March, 1991. The fare rate of these buses are as under:—

Upto 8 Kms.	—	Rs. 4/-
Above 8 Kms.	—	Rs. 6/-

The main guidelines for grant of these Permits are as under:—

1.. The applicant should be a resident of Delhi and must not be a minor as on 01-01-1991.

2. Any individual already holding 5 Stage Carriage Permits or a Co. holding 10 Stage Carriage Permits shall not be eligible to apply under the Scheme. (As per section 71 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 no individual/company is allowed to have Stage Carriage Permits more than the above limits.

3. Each application shall be accompanied by a Bank Draft for Rs. 25,000/- as Security. This condition was imposed to ascertain the financial stability of the applicants, as under Section 71 of the M.V. Act, while considering applications for Stage Carriage Permits, the financial stability of the applicant is also to be kept in view.

4. The security, referred to above, shall be refunded within 15 days of the production of vehicle as per specifications laid down. In case the specified vehicle is not produced within the prescribed period i.e. 3 months, the security shall be forefeited and decision of the Chairman, STA Delhi in this regard shall be final and abiding.

5 The preferences and reservations have been governed as per section 71 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

6. To further assess the financial stability, all the applicants, except SC/ ST, were 'asked to submit Income Tax Assessment reports. Only the applicants those were income tax assessee or having agricultural income and all SC/ST were included in draw of lots for grant of permits.

7. If the number of eligible applicants are more than the number of permits, the permits will be granted by draw of lots.

8. Permits to be granted initially for 4 months.

9. Age of the bus not to exceed one year as on 01-01-1991.

Grant of 3000 State Carriage Permits for Private Buses

The Scheme for grant of 3000 State Carriage Permits on 809 City Routes was notified in leading Newspapers on 1, 2, 3, January, 1992. The Brochure and application forms were made available from 10-01-1992. to 31-01-1992. The last date for submission of applications was 10-02-1992. The main guidelines for these permits are as under:—

1. The applicant should be a resident of Delhi and must not be a minor as on 01-01-1992.

2. *Financial Eligibility for grant of Permit:—*

Documents to be submitted:—

(a) For SC/ST applicants, a demand draft of Rs. 5000/- and for all other applicants, a demand draft of Rs. 25,000/- in the name of Secretary, ST A Delhi, as Security.

(b) Annual taxable income of Rs. 25,000/- for the financial year 1990-91 as submitted to the- Income Tax Department by 01-01-1991.

or

Liquid Assets in the name of applicants including Cash, grant of securities, debentures, National Saving Certificates, UTIs etc. worth Rs. 1 lakh.

or

Immovable Assets in the name of applicant worth Rs. 1 lakh.

(c) The applicant would be required to submit any one of the following evidence in support of item (b) above:—

Income Certificate from the Income Tax Department or copies of income tax returns.

or

Attested copies of liquid assets held by him.

or

Assessment/Evaluation Report by the Revenue Department in respect of land and other Immovable Assets etc.

3. The Security of Rs. 5,000/- or Rs. 25,000/-, as applicable deposited in the form of Bank Draft in respect of applicants who are to be granted permits will be refunded on production of vehicle as per the specification laid down in the Brochure and within 30 days of operation of the vehicle on the allotted route subject to receipt of security deposit Rs. 2,000/- per bus. In case the specified vehicle is not produced within the prescribed period given in the offer letter, which will not normally exceed 6 months, the security shall be forefeited and the decision of Secretary, STA Delhi in this regard shall be final and abiding. The age of the vehicles not to exceed 2 years as on 10-1-1992.

4. No Company shall be granted more than 10 and an individual shall be granted not more than 5 permits, including the Stage Carriage Permits, held by the applicant, as prescribed under the Motor Vehicle Act.

5. The preference and reservations shall be as laid down under Section 71 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and rules made thereunder.

6. The permits will be granted among the eligible applicants by a draw of lots, when the number of eligible applicants exceed the number of Permits.

7. The fare to be charged will be the same as that of Delhi Transport Corporation.

8. Permits are to be granted initially for 5 years.

9. Permit holder to render 100% performance efficiency and to deposit Rs. 2000/- as security towards performance assurance.